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For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF *STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS*
PEPTIDE DEFORMYLASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings

Please amend Figures 1 and 10 as indicated on the marked-up sheets attached herewith.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at **page 12, line 28**, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

Figure 10 is a sequence alignment based on x-ray structure comparisons for *E. coli* pdf (SEQ ID NO:8) and *S. aureus* pdf (SEQ ID NO:7) proteins.